

Chippewa Square Monument
(General James Oglethorpe Statue)
Chippewa Square (bounded by
Hull, Perry, and Bull Sts.)
Savannah
Chatham County
Georgia

HABS No. GA-1179

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Chippewa Square Monument (from HABS Georgia Catalog)		HABS NO. GA-1179
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE General James Oglethorpe Statue		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Chippewa Square (bounded by Hull, Perry, and Bull Sts.)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1910 (from HABS Georgia Catalog)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Sculptor: Daniel Chester French. Designer of base & pedestal: Henry Bacon. (from HABS Georgia Cat.)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Sculpture designed by noted sculptor Daniel Chester French. Monument honors Gen. James Oglethorpe, founder of the Georgia Colony and planner of Savannah. Symbolism and inscriptions on the monument honor the founding of the city and colony. Focal point of Chippewa Square, one of Savannah's many squares around which the plan of the city was focused.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Bronze statue; marble pedestal and marble base.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 9 foot statue		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Statue portrays Gen James Oglethorpe, "in full dress uniform with sword in hand, facing south toward the menacing Spanish colonies." "... marble pedestal inscribed on 3 sides with excerpts from the charter for the Georgia Colony." Marble base has "four lions rampant, one at each corner, on which appear respectively the Oglethorpe coat of arms, and great seals of the colony of Georgia, the state of Georgia, and the city of Savannah." (p. 325, HABS Georgia Catalog)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition (from 1966 photographs) appears good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Winley, John. <u>The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. 1982.</u> Located in Savannah National Register Historic District.		
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